

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment clarifies the priority claim for the present application as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a). This amendment reflects the priority claim made for the PCT application from which this was a § 371 filing.

Applicants wish to elect with traverse Group II, claims 7-10, drawn to a method. Applicants respectfully note that method and composition claims are not generally subject to unity of invention rejections and it is not burdensome to search these together.

Applicants have amended claims 7 and 9 to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and claim 6. Applicants also have added new dependent claims 11-14 and 16-18 from claims 7 and 9 corresponding to claims 2-5. Finally, claim 7 was amended to recite the additional use of a second dielectric layer over the organosilicate layer. Support for this amendment is found at page 4, lines 2-4. Claim 9 was further amended to require that there is more than one organosilicate layer. Support for this is found for example at page 2, lines 17-21. New claim 15 is supported for example by the language at page 7, lines 20-32.

Finally, in this amendment, at the requirement of the Office, claims 1-6 have been marked as “withdrawn”. The undersigned left a phone message to discuss this requirement with the Examiner, but did not receive a response. Applicants have been unable to determine where the requirement to indicate “withdrawn” appears in the rules or in the MPEP for restriction requirements that are currently under traversal. It is the undersigned’s previous understanding that claims need not be marked as withdrawn until the traversal is rejected and the restriction requirement made final.

Therefore, these claims are provisionally withdrawn only and may be considered withdrawn only if the basis for traverse is rejected and the restriction requirement made final.

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